IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

(1) DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN: At a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee held at 2-45 p.m. to-day, the following programme of business has been decided :—

Tuesday, 11th February 1958 (2-30 to 4-30 p.m.), Wednesday, 12th February 1958 and Thursday, 13th February 1958 (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.)	**Discussion on the Governor's Address.**
Friday, 14th February 1958 (10 a.m.)	**Discussion on the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in 1954–55.**
Saturday, 15th February 1958 (3 p.m.)	**Consideration of the Appropriation Bill and Government Bills.**
Saturday, 1st March 1958 (3 p.m.)	**Presentation of the Budget for the year 1958–59.**
Monday, 3rd March 1958 to Saturday, 8th March 1958 (3 to 6 p.m.)	**Discussion on the Budget for the year 1958–59.**

Further programme will be announced in due course.

(2) PANEL OF VICE-CHAIRMEN.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to announce to the House that under rule 14 of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated the following Members of the Council to be the panel of Vice-Chairmen for the Twelfth Session of the Legislative Council under the Constitution :—

(1) Sri P. T. Rajan;

(2) Sri T. P. Srinivasavaradan;

(3) Sri John Asirvatham; and

(4) Srimathi Saraswathy Pandurangam.

V.—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

PRESENTATION OF THE STATEMENT OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR 1954–55.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to present the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in the year 1954–55. The appropriations originally provided for in the Budget Estimates cannot, in the nature of things, be expected to tally entirely with the actuals and excesses

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under some Grants are inevitable. The total of the expenditure excesses which is now sought to be covered by legislative approval is Rs. 19 lakhs roundly against a total final appropriation of Rs. 9,192 lakhs. The explanatory note appended to the Statement of Demands gives the reasons for the excesses in each case. The Public Accounts Committee constituted for the year 1957–58 at its meetings held during the course of the year examined the reasons for the excesses and have recommended in their report published in October 1957 that Demands for Grants to cover the excess expenditure over the final sanctioned appropriation under each Grant might be presented to the Legislative Assembly.

I commend for the acceptance of the House the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in the year 1954–55.

VI.—DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The next item on the agenda is "Discussion on the Governor's Address". The hon. Member Sri A. Gajapathy Nayagar will now move the motion standing in his name.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Sir, I move—

"That an humble Address be presented to the Governor that the Members of the Madras Legislative Council thank him for the Address[a] delivered to the Members of the Legislature on the 8th February 1958".

SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM : Sir, I second it.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Motion moved—

"That an humble Address be presented to the Governor that the Members of the Madras Legislative Council thank him for the Address delivered to the Members of the Legislature on the 8th February 1958."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, I move the following amendment :—

"Add the following at the end :—

'but regret to note that there is no reference in the Address to some of the important problems affecting the State and the measures to be adopted to solve them'."

The amendment was duly seconded.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Amendment moved—

"Add the following at the end :—

'but regret to note that there is no reference in the Address to some of the important problems affecting the State and the measures to be adopted to solve them'."

The motion as well as the amendment are now before the House for discussion.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 46–49 infra.